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RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1771

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Alastair Hugh SERVANTE et al. : Docket No.00292/30.35. US IPD/0004-146

Serial No. 09/117,214 : Group Art Unit 1771

Filed January 3, 2000 : Examiner C. Pratt

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 30, 2001, please amend the present application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1 to 16 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

17. A film printable with radiation curable inks, said film comprising a substrate and at least a surface layer, said layer covering at least one face of said substrate and consisting essentially of 10 to 98 % by weight of a water-dispersible polymer able to provide a smooth film surface for printing and 2 to 90 % by weight of an ethylenically unsaturated compound selected from polyfunctional acrylates resulting from the esterification of a polyol with (meth)acrylic acid or polyallyl derivatives, whereby said surface layer does not contain an addition polymerization photoinitiator and is unpolymerizable with radiation.

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